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1. USING INFORMATION PROVIDED REF A, EMBOFF JUNE 12 BRIEFED RUTH CHRISTENSEN OF THE OFFICE OF FAEROESE AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF STATE, AND JORGEN ABRAHAMSEN IN THE MFA'S NATO OFFICE REGARDING CLARINET PILGRIM PROGRAM. EMBOFF MADE CLEAR THAT BRIEFING WAS FOR DANISH GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ONLY AND THAT NO REQUEST WAS BEING MADE AT THE PRESENT TIME. HE ADDED THAT USG WAS MAKING OFFICIAL REQUEST TO THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT BUT THAT WE ASSUMED THAT THE HELLEBUST AFFAIR WOULD HAVE TO BE SETTLED BEFORE ANY RESPONSE COULD BE EXPECTED.

2. INITIAL REACTION FROM CHRISTENSEN WAS RELATIVELY POSITIVE. SHE STATED THAT SUCH A MATTER WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE RAISED WITH THE FAEROESE GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE, IN THE EVENT THE UNITED STATES DID PRESENT A REQUEST. SHE WAS, HOWEVER, OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED, IN VIEW OF
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THE FACT THAT NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE NEEDED AND

THAT THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT COULD BE SIMPLY INSTALLED IN
PRESENT FACILITIES.

3. ABRAHAMSEN, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS QUITE NEGATIVE IN
HIS INITIAL REACTION. HE CITED THE SENSITIVITY OF THE LEFT-
WING PRESS TO ALL MATTERS OF THIS KIND.
HE FELT THAT USE OF THE LORAN FACILITY AT EJDE
PURELY FOR US NAVY FLEET BROADCASTS, WITHOUT ANY NATO OR
US-DANISH JOINT PROGRAM COVER, WOULD BE A VERY "TICKLISH"
MATTER.

4. EMBOFF INFORMED OTTO GREDAL, DIRECTOR OF THE DANISH
NAVIGATION AND HYDROGRAPHIC ADMINISTRATION, THAT THESE
BRIEFINGS WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN.
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